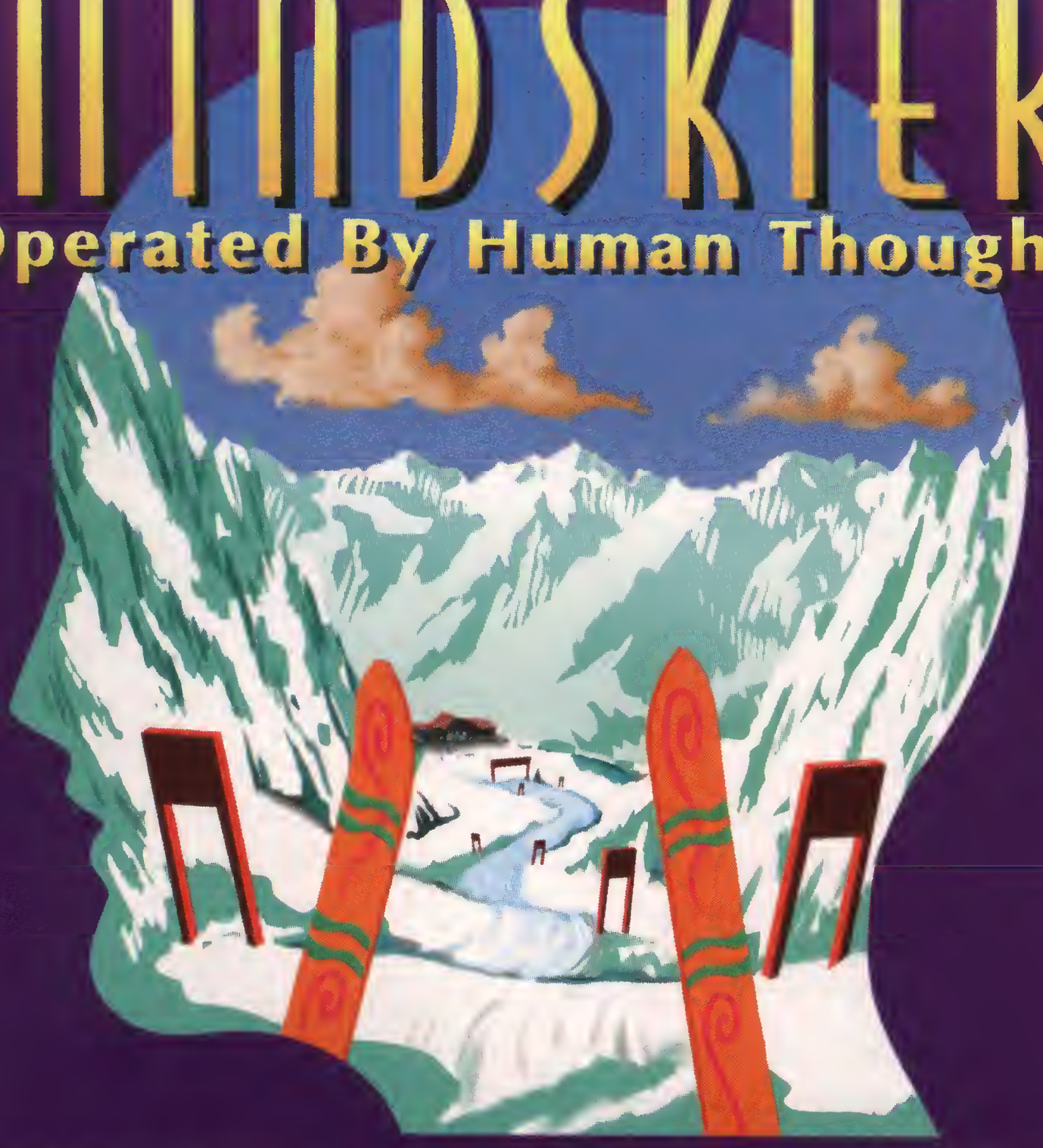
MindDrive™

MINDSKIER™

Operated By Human Thought



Fun for the whole family

PC Compatible

MindSkier Quick Reference Guide

Welcome to **MindSkier**. Try to pass through as many gates as possible in the shortest period of time, using your thoughts to control your direction.

Click **Help** on the Main Menu for a full online manual.

Hardware Requirements

MindSkier is a DOS game, designed to run on the following minimum system configuration:

- An IBM® PC or 100% compatible computer
- A 486/33 or higher CPU
- 512K of free conventional memory
- 4MB of RAM (8MB recommended)
- DOS 5.0 or higher
- 4MB of free hard drive space available
- A 256-color VGA display or better
- A 100% Microsoft® compatible mouse
- SoundBlaster™ or 100% compatible sound card
- A CD-ROM drive
- Complete **MindDrive** hardware

Installing MindSkier

To install **MindSkier** on your hard drive, follow these steps:

1. Make sure the **MindDrive** is connected to your computer, AC adapter, serial cable, and Finger Sensor. See diagrams in your MindDrive User's Manual for proper installation.
2. If you are in Windows, exit Windows. (See your Windows manual for details.)
3. Insert the **MindSkier** CD into your CD-ROM drive. Note: Do not use the MS-DOS prompt in Windows. Windows must be shut off completely.
4. Access your CD-ROM drive. For example, type **D**: and press **Enter.** Note: Substitute your CD-ROM drive letter as needed. For example, type **E:** and press **Enter.**
5. Type **install** and press **Enter**.
6. A Set Up program automatically begins, asking you to select various system specifications. (If one of your COM ports is filled by an internal modem or other peripheral, select a free COM port. Make sure your **MindDrive** is attached to the same COM port you select on this screen.)
7. Follow the on-screen set up instructions. Select the set up settings that best fit your system. Exit when finished.
8. Run the game by typing **mskier.**
9. If you wish to change your settings later, type **setup** from the same directory in which you installed **MindSkier**.

Using MindSkier

Running MindSkier

If you have already installed **MindSkier** in a previous session, run the program by doing the following:

1. Turn on your computer and the **MindDrive.**
2. If you are in Windows, exit Windows (consult your Windows manual).
3. Set your computer to the **MindSkier** directory (the default directory for installation is **c:\mskier**).
4. Type **mskier** and press **Enter.**

IMPORTANT: *Changing the directory name or program file names will prevent the program from running properly. If you need to move the program to another directory, re-install it from the CD.*

Using the MindDrive

Follow the instructions in the MindDrive User's Manual to properly connect the device to your computer. Simply slip the sensor onto your finger and secure the Velcro® strap. (See your MindDrive User's Manual for a diagram showing how to wear the sensor.)

Four Important Tips for Using Your Finger Sensor:

1. Keep the sensor loose on your finger.
2. Don't squeeze the sensor with

your fingertip.

3. Relax your muscles – especially in your shoulders and arms. Relaxing your muscles is the key to successful control.

4. Avoid abrupt hand or body movements.

Getting Started

You can bypass the opening sequence by pressing any key. The Main Menu appears with the following choices:

Race Events	**Giant Slalom, Downhill, Slalom,** and **Combined.**
Skill Level	**Beginner** or **Advanced.**
Player Name	The current player set to ski.
Top Scores	Shows the best times.
Options	Allows you to adjust the music volume, graphic detail, and sound effects.
Help	Opens a help tutorial.
MindDrive	Adjust settings.
Go	Begins the race.
Quit	Exits the game.

A default name will appear under **Player Name** until you enter a new name. Click the **MindDrive** button to enter a new name at the **MindDrive** screen.

1. Click **New Skier** to enter your name.

2. Type your name at the prompt and press **Enter**.

Since this is your first time playing, don't adjust any of the settings yet. Click **OK** to reach the Main Menu again. Click **Go** to head for the slopes. *Wait at least 10 seconds for the **MindDrive** to adjust to your signal.* Press any key to begin skiing.

Controlling The Skier:

In operating **MindSkier**, you move the skier with nothing more than your own thoughts. This is a unique experience for every individual, and there are no hard rules. Like learning to ride a bicycle, **MindDrive** control cannot simply be explained logically. This new skill must be experienced and felt.

Turning left:

To turn left with the **MindDrive**, we suggest increasing your "left brain" or "left side" thought activity. This could mean thinking left, saying the actual words "left, left, left" quickly in your head, looking left, or even leaning left.

It is not the actual words that cause the desired movement, but rather the type and level of activity of your thoughts.

Ultimately, once you get the hang of it, skiing with your mind in this way can become as intuitive as riding a bike – or walking. You will eventually be able to move the skier automatically with just your thoughts...using little or no effort!

Turning right:

Relax into "right side" thoughts to turn right. Instead of using words, visualize skiing to the right. You may also look right, lean right, and relax into "right side" thoughts.

The Keyboard

Any Key	Begins a race
Up Arrow	Increases speed
Down Arrow	Decreases speed
Esc	Escape Menu (Includes Restart, Help, Options, **MindDrive**, & Main Menu)
Pause	Pause game
F1	Online Manual
F2	**MindDrive** settings

The Ski Events

In each event, you are trying to pass through the middle of as many gates as possible in the shortest amount of time. Each missed gate adds penalty time to your final score.

Slalom: Turn quickly, attempting to ski through 27 gates. The course is 1,200 meters long.

MindSkier settings adjustments

Downhill: Take a blast down the face of a mountain as you attempt to gain as much speed as possible. The course is 1,500 meters long and contains 39 gates.

Giant Slalom: At 1,200 meters long, this course is a hybrid between Slalom and Downhill skiing. Ski through 31 challenging gates. In the Advanced Level, there is a Ski Jump, rocks, ice, and a snow storm.

Combined: A one-shot combination of the Downhill, Slalom, and Giant Slalom competitions.

In Giant Slalom and Downhill, you will ski faster in the middle of the run and slow down at the sides.

MindDrive Setting Adjustments

MindDrive Sensitivity Settings may need to be adjusted for each individual. Before adjusting anything, always try using the **MindDrive's** default settings. Once you wish to change settings, you have the following two options:

- Thought Signal Sensitivity
- Game Play Sensitivity

You should always try adjusting the Thought Signal Sensitivity *before* adjusting Game Play Sensitivity.

Thought Signal Sensitivity
Like a gas pedal—or stereo volume control—Thought Signal Sensitivity adjusts the amplification as well as the frequency filtering of your thought signals in the **MindDrive.**

Since some people generate fainter thought patterns than others, they may wish to raise their Thought Signal Sensitivity Setting (slide to the right or use the right arrow key), allowing the **MindDrive** to respond to their thoughts more easily. Other **MindDrive** users, on the other hand, generate higher thought patterns and may wish to lower the Thought Signal Sensitivity (slide to the left or use the left arrow key) to enable the **MindDrive** to read the signals more clearly.

Game Play Sensitivity
This setting changes the speed at which on-screen objects react to the **MindDrive**.

- Increase the Game Play Sensitivity to move the Skier more quickly left and right.
- Decrease the Game Play Sensitivity to "hold" your skiing line.

Saving Your Settings

1. Go to **MindDrive** Settings screen.
2. Change your settings.
3. Click **OK**.

Click on the **Defaults** button to return the game to all of its original settings (as though you just bought it).

The **Cancel** button returns you to the Main Menu without saving your changes.

Troubleshooting

If you experience any problem with the **MindDrive**, run the **MindDrive Tutorial CD** and read your MindDrive User's Manual before calling Technical Support. You should also try the online **Help** manual (located on the Main Menu of **MindSkier**.) In general, when experiencing any kind of problem with the **MindDrive**, try checking:

- The Finger Sensor connection.
- The serial cable running between your PC and the **MindDrive**
- The **MindDrive** unit (The red light should be lit.)
- The **MindDrive** AC power adapter (Make sure it's properly plugged into both the MindDrive and the electrical socket.)
- Your settings. Be sure you're using your own settings and that they are on.
- Your COM port selection. Return to the same directory in which you installed **MindSkier** and type **setup.**

If all of the above are okay, try clicking **Reset** from the **MindDrive** settings of your software. If that doesn't work:

- Turn off your computer.
- Turn off your **MindDrive** unit (red light off).
- Restart your **MindDrive**, computer, and software.

If all else fails, call Technical Support at 1 (800) 222-2363.

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